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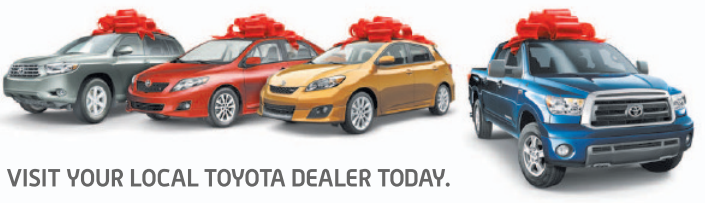

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News worth sharing.

Flames. Strike

▶ Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman is hit by Calgary's Rene Bourque last night.

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Lose one, win one continues

The Flames bounced back from Sunday's loss in Chicago to defeat the Lightning 4-2 last night. Calgary has now alternated wins and losses for its last eight games. Game recap, page 27.

More graphic warnings urged

Anti-smoking crusader pushes for disturbing images {page 4}

The comeback of the minivan?

Honda's Odyssey takes a style departure {page 29}

Wiki quip won't be punished

U of C alumni delivered a letter to school president Monday ◐ Disciplinary action won't be taken against Tom Flanagan, according to university officials

Alumni at the University of Calgary are seeking a more hardened stance from the school in the case of an outspoken professor.

On a Nov. 29 interview on CBC, professor Tom Flanagan, a former adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, called for the assassination of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

"It struck a really raw nerve with me," said Kris Kotarski, a U of C graduate who recently drafted a letter to the school's president. Kotarski said he is disappointed by the lack of response from his alma mater. He added he doesn't think Flanagan should be fired but would like to see him reprimanded.

"I understand that the university would be happy for the controversy to go away but I don't think that they can do that."

Fellow alumni Chris Beauchamp agreed.

"I think that his comments reflected poorly on him individually and the University of Calgary," he said. "The main thing I would like to see is just that acknowledgment."

University spokesperson Grady Semmens said they have received a lot of "feedback on the issue."

"The University of Calgary's stance is that Dr. Flanagan's comments ... last week were made as an individual and don't represent the views of the university," he said.

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Comments on Assange

- Thus far, the letter to the U of C has 65 signatures of alumni and about 25 additional signatures, according to Kris Kotarski.
- It was announced Monday the Calgary Police Service is gathering facts around Flanagan's comments.
- During the CBC interview, Flanagan said, "I think Assange should be assassinated, actually. I think Obama should put out a contract or maybe use a drone or something."

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Alberta Environment has issued an environmental-protection order against a fuel provider to clean gasoline contamination in Calgary's northwest.

Remedial actions must be implemented by March 4 on the Gas Plus Inc. site at 6336 Bowness Rd. NW.

This came amid reports that potentially hazardous vapours from the leak had been detected in a nearby residence owned by Terry Float.

Float, who has lived in the home for nearly 20 years, says the pungent odour has given him minor headaches and forced him to constantly leave the windows open since July.

"I'm frustrated," he said. "I would like to get it cleaned up as soon as possible."

"I was getting angry, a little bit depressed — it hasn't been fun." TERRY FLOAT, HOMEOWNER

Officials with Alberta Environment say they have been working with Gas Plus since May to address the leak; however, they claim the company has yet to submit a proper remedial plan.

Sal Handel, president of Gas Plus, refuted those claims.

"We have been acting productively with this mishap and still are and will not stop until this thing is under control," he said.

▶ A gas leak at this station on Bowness Road has sent vapours into at least one nearby home.

Giving away the ranch

It was an emotional day for Edwin and Ruth Mattheis but they said donating their ranch to the University of Alberta fulfilled a dream.

The Calgary couple, who are both U of A alumni, donated their ranch near Duchess, Alta., yesterday to be used for research.

"The University of Alberta means a lot," said Edwin as he fought back tears. "It's a very special piece of land."

12,300 The number of acres of land the Mattheis family donated to the U of A. The property will be named the Rangelands Research Institute.

U of A president Indira Samarasekera said the new research area will set the school's agricultural department to become "a global leader."

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▶ A map outlining the donated land is shown.

News in brief

House market looking up

HOUSING. Home sellers in Calgary can look forward to a strong 2011, according to a new report by Re/Max.

The Housing Market Outlook 2011 report says a recent surge in activity suggests buyers will be more active in the coming months.

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Mounties arrest 7 in alleged crime ring

RCMP

▶ Law enforcement agents seized several cars in a bust yesterday, including this yellow Lamborghini.

Two Porsches, two Lamborghinis, a Mustang and a Hummer seized

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After a two-year-long investigation, RCMP have arrested seven people for their alleged involvement in a criminal organization.

Officers executed 11 searches yesterday morning throughout Calgary, Chestermere and Cochrane.

The Calgary Integrated Proceeds of Crime were looking for evidence related to money laundering, tax evasion, illegal gaming and drug trafficking.

The officer in charge of the investigation, Insp. Doug Pott said the search began after a tip from a casino.

"They alerted us to potential money laundering, suspicious transactions at one of the casinos here in Alberta, which led us to the investigation," said Pott.

He said while the arrests have been made, there are still months of work ahead on this case.

"Our next step is to appraise those (seized items)," he said, adding it's unclear what the total value of the seizure is, "but I can tell you it's in the millions."

After a lengthy investigation, Pott said it feels good to have made progress in this case.

"It's significant," he said.

"We're pretty happy with this."

Charges have not yet been laid.

Cancer victim's image urged as box warning

Two health groups called for more graphic images on packs of smokes, hoping to curb more people from lighting up.

Members from the organizations joined Pat Tarbox, husband of the late anti-smoking advocate Barb Tarbox, in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's southeast Calgary riding yesterday morning to push for an update to health warnings on tobacco products.

One of the images being pushed for by the Canadian Cancer Society and the Alberta Policy Coalition for Cancer Prevention is a gripping image of Barb Tarbox as the Edmonton native slowly succumbed to lung cancer linked to a longtime smoking addiction. She died in 2003 at age 41.

"She would have liked to speak to 500,000 if she could," Pat Tarbox said.

50,000
Anti-smoking advocate Barb Tarbox spoke to an estimated 50,000 children before dying of lung cancer.

He said the process of updating health warnings in the U.S. has been much more fluid and a decision is expected by next June.

Dan Holinda, executive director of the Canadian Cancer Society Alberta division, said the images currently used are outdated and ineffective.

"People have seen them for over a decade," he said. "We need to change the focus now to tell the truth to Canadians to save their lives." JEREMY NOLAIS

OBESITY

Interactive vids get thumbs-up

Researchers are giving a thumbs-up to the use of interactive video games as a way of promoting fitness with young people.

The University of Calgary's Canadian Exergaming Research Centre has spent the past couple of years testing Grade 3 and 4 students who have been playing a variety of interactive video games ranging from snowboarding to dancing, to golf.

Dr. Larry Katz, who heads the centre, says children who took part in the study have improved their sense of balance by an average of 25 per cent for Grade 3 students and 29 per cent for those in Grade 4.

He says it is not a substitute for sports or gym class, but it may encourage kids to do more than just sit in front of their computer or TV.

Katz says video fitness games are also a good way to fight childhood obesity.

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Credit card scam swipes the province

The RCMP is warning of a credit card scam that is making the rounds in Alberta.

Victims are contacted by phone by a person claiming to be an employee from their credit card company's fraud department.

The person says they have noticed odd purchases on the victim's credit cards and that they want to ensure the credit card has not been compromised.

The suspect then gives the victim's credit card number and asks for the security number.

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Alta. kids smart, test results say

Alberta's 15-year-old students are among the world's brightest according to 2009 international test results released yesterday.

The Programme for International Student Assessment randomly selected 2,900 Alberta students to write the test. They achieved the highest scientific literacy scores among Canadian provinces and finished second internationally.

Alberta also finished tied for second internationally in reading and eighth in mathematical skills among the 70 countries taking part.

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News in brief

Renner to meet with Europeans

ENVIRONMENT. Alberta Environment Minister Rob Renner is preparing to meet with influential officials from the European Parliament in Cancun.

Renner is at the Mexican resort for global talks on climate change.

Europe doesn't buy much oil from Alberta, but Renner says the region's environmental policies are influential around the world. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Guarding against wells

HOMES. The Alberta government says existing legislation will be amended so that houses are never built near old abandoned gas wells.

The announcement comes after demolition started this week on three homes in Calmar, southwest of Edmonton, that were built on top of a long-abandoned well site.

The homeowners were told several months ago that the well had sprung a leak beneath their subdivision. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Suspects to stay in custody

HOME INVASION. Two men accused in a violent Didsbury home invasion have been ordered detained after appearing in court this week.

Scott Lockhart Demolitor and Jesse Boyd Beech, both 18, face 11 charges each.

Police said two men barged into a home Nov. 22, dispersed a can of bear spray and beat three individuals with a hammer and hatchet. **METRO**

Patient satisfaction little changed: Poll

- This is the first survey done by HQCA since Alberta Health Services was formed in 2008
- Survey measured experiences with the quality of care, satisfaction and access to health services

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▶ A new report suggests that a majority of Albertans rank their health care as four out of five.

Albertans' satisfaction with the health-care system has remained virtually constant over the past few years, according to a survey released yesterday.

Data from the Health Quality Council of Alberta showed that 62 per cent of those who received health-care services in the past year had ranked their satisfaction as a four or five out of five.

This is up only two per cent from 2008, which shows that Alberta Health Services is "stalled," according to David Eggen, executive director of Friends of Medicare.

"The numbers didn't really change from year to year, which makes me wonder what all the effort was if Albertans are still not getting satisfaction in terms of wait times and in terms of access to the system," he said.

Eggen also added that in the time since Albertans took this survey, there have been several changes to Alberta Health Services.

"This survey was taken in the spring and we've had our confidence further shaken with these recent leadership events. They need to get their act together."

The numbers

- The survey showed access to health care remains the most important factor in respondents' satisfaction.
- In 2008, 60 per cent rated their satisfaction at a four or five out of five.
- In 2006, that number was 58 per cent and in 2004 it was 52 per cent.
- 48 per cent of respondents ranked their access to health care as "easy" in the 2010 survey.

China accused of sabotaging Nobel's big day

Nearly 20 countries to stay away from Friday Peace Prize ceremony Clear signal of pressure, officials say

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▶ Protesters hold boxes containing greeting cards for Liu Xiaobo.

At least 19 countries will not attend this year's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony honouring jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, officials confirmed yesterday.

It was the clearest signal yet that the Chinese government, furious at international recognition for its No. 1 jailed dissident, is hard at work trying to sabotage Friday's ceremony.

The Nobel committee is honouring Liu as China's "foremost symbol" of human rights.

The Chinese government, however, calls him "a criminal" for trying to promote democracy in China.

Nobel secretary Geir Lundestad said in a telephone interview that he could not recall a higher number of countries "unable to attend" during his 20 years at the Nobel Foundation — saying it might be "the highest" number ever.

He said not all 19 on the absentee list could be directly attributable to Chinese pressure.

Lundestad stressed that nothing would put a damper on the Oslo festivities — even the fact that neither Liu Xiaobo, nor wife Liu Xia, nor any family member would be allowed by the Chinese government to attend.

Liu is serving an 11-year term for allegedly trying to overthrow the state, and his wife has been placed under a form of house arrest in Beijing.

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Passed on. An inspiring life

▶ Elizabeth Edwards "knew tragedy and pain," U.S. President Barack Obama said last night. She died yesterday at age 61.

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A passionate advocate

Elizabeth Edwards, who closely advised her husband, John, in two bids for the U.S. presidency and advocated for health care even as her marriage publicly crumbled, died yesterday after a six-year struggle with cancer. "She remains the heart of this family," her relatives said in a statement.

Disgraced ex-coach to get bail in sex case

A judge says he will grant bail to disgraced former junior hockey coach Graham James, who faces new sex charges in Winnipeg.

Final conditions for his release won't be set until next week and he is to remain in jail until then.

James faces nine charges stemming from alleged encounters involving three boys, one of them Theo Fleury, who became a NHL star.

It was the second part of a bail hearing that began last week. James was present for both, sitting in the prisoner's dock in what appeared to be the same baggy grey sweatshirt and pants.

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James, 58, served more than a year in jail in the 1990s for assaulting three young hockey players, including NHLer Sheldon Kennedy. James was pardoned and moved to Mexico. But he returned to face the new charges.

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Economist weighs in on polygamy laws

Admits under cross-examination there's no proof legalization will increase polygamy in Canada

Women are treated like commodities in polygamous societies and their economic freedoms are reduced.

That's the opinion of economist Shoshana Grossbard who testified at B.C. Supreme Court yesterday in a case to determine whether the country's polygamy laws are constitutional.

Grossbard, who has studied the economic effects of polygamy in other countries, testified that there will be increased disparity between husbands and wives if Canada were to legalize polygamy.

"In the cultures and societies worldwide that have embraced it, polygamy is associated with undesirable economic, societal, physical and emotional factors related to women's well-being," Grossbard said yesterday.

50 The attorneys general for B.C. and Canada are in court arguing that the 50-year-old polygamy law in the country is constitutionally valid.

The natural economic consequence of polygamy should be increased market value for women, since multiple wives are highly desirable. But in these societies, husbands can simply divorce the wives they don't want, so women don't actually have control over their value.

Grossbard was a witness for the Christian Legal Fellowship, an organization that has legal standing in the reference case that has involved nearly a dozen intervenors and organizations.

There are nearly 800 believers of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints living in the interior of B.C. in two separate factions under two feuding leaders, Winston Blackmore and James Oler. Among them, the two men have dozens of wives and dozens of children. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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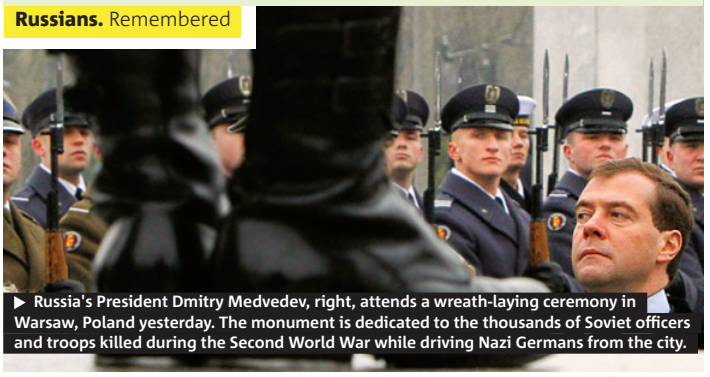

▶ Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev, right, attends a wreath-laying ceremony in Warsaw, Poland yesterday. The monument is dedicated to the thousands of Soviet officers and troops killed during the Second World War while driving Nazi Germans from the city.

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Soldiers honoured in Warsaw

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FBI watch Barbies

The FBI has issued a cyber crime alert on a new Barbie doll that comes with a hidden video camera.

Mattel's Barbie Video Girl has a video camera lens in its necklace that can record up to 30 minutes of footage to be downloaded on a computer.

Officials warn that it could possibly be used to produce child porn, but say they don't have any reported crimes.

The FBI's Sacramento office issued a report with the warning on the doll last month.

FBI spokesman Steve Dupre says the alert was meant for law enforcement agencies advising them not to overlook the doll during any searches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cholera in Haiti

A contingent of UN peacekeepers is the likely source of a cholera outbreak in Haiti that has killed at least 2,000 people, a French scientist said in a report obtained yesterday by The Associated Press. The scientist concluded the cholera originated next to a UN base. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Girl's ID hangs in the balance

Court case deals with alleged defamation on Facebook

Nova Scotia's highest court is debating whether the media should be allowed to report the name of a teenage girl who was allegedly defamed on a phoney Facebook page.

The provincial Court of Appeal heard submissions yesterday from lawyers for the girl's family and two media outlets — the Halifax Chronicle Herald and Global TV. The court must also decide whether the alleged offending comments should be made public.

Michelle Awad, who is representing the family, told the court that allowing media to identify the girl — who is trying to find out who is behind the postings — would only cause further harm.

"We're dealing with a child," she said. "The court must decide what's in the best interests of this child."

In May, a Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge approved a court order requiring a Halifax-based Internet provider to reveal the identity of the customer who posted the comments.

However, Justice Arthur LeBlanc denied a request to ban the media from reporting the girl's name and any details from the now defunct page. The girl's family is appealing LeBlanc's decision. In the meantime, media outlets are subject to a publication ban.

Awad said the social networking page included allegedly defamatory and anonymous comments about the girl's appearance and sexual preference.

Officials with Facebook Inc. have already given Awad the numerical Internet address assigned to the computer used to create the account. But the family needs to get a name or names from the Internet provider, Eastlink Inc., before they can proceed with a defamation case.

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Identity crisis

Nancy Rubin, a lawyer for the Halifax Chronicle Herald, said shielding the girl's identity does not serve a public purpose.

- **"The public** should know what words constitute cyber bullying," she said outside court.
- **Alan Parish,** a lawyer for Global TV, told the court the appeal should be dismissed. He said some people contemplating court action won't follow through when they realize it could be made public.

Snowy. Mess

▶ Emergency workers survey the scene where a truck overturned during a winter storm on Highway 40, near Montreal, yesterday. Quebecers were digging out their cars and dealing with difficult road conditions after the first major snowfall of the season.

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Winter hits hard in Quebec

Montrealers expecting four centimetres of accumulation since Monday morning were instead facing 15 to 25 centimetres, depending on the area of the city. More than 1,000 snow-clearing vehicles worked overnight on the main roads through Montreal.

12 The two, both 24, will visit 12 destinations during the year and report back on adventures to a global audience via blogs, photo diaries and video updates. The one-year contract starts in January.

One year dream job

An Oakville, Ont., woman and a Montreal man have been chosen from among thousands of applicants for a dream job — Transat Holidays "vacationer for a year."

Kate McKenna, a former online host, is the English-speaking winner and web consultant Pierre-Luc Cloutier is the French-speaking winner.

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G20 weekend 'will live in infamy'

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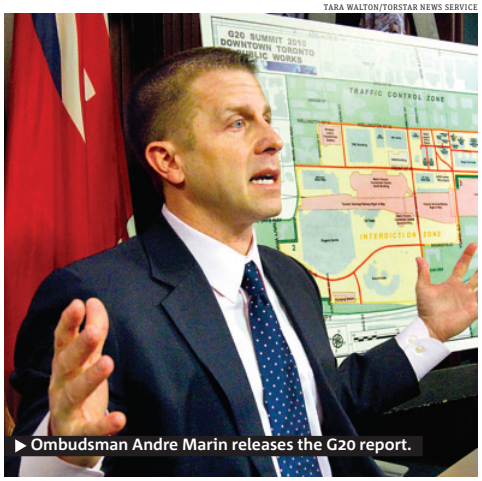

▶ Ombudsman Andre Marin releases the G20 report.

Angry ombudsman assails 'mass violation of civil rights' in Toronto

Martial law ruled Toronto during the G20 summit.

It slipped into existence after Ontario secretly gave police wartime powers, resulting in a mass violation of civil rights unprecedented in Canada, the provincial watchdog said yesterday.

Deliberate misinformation surrounding a revamped Second World War regulation led people to wrongly believe police had the power to demand identification and detain anyone coming within five metres of the G20 security fence.

"It is clear to me that we should have communicated the regulation much more directly, clearly and promptly."
JIM BRADLEY, COMMUNITY SAFETY MINISTER

"Darn right, you could have done better."
ANDRE MARIN, OMBUDSMAN

The law, in fact, applied only to people entering the zone.

Still, it should have been dubbed the five-kilometre rule given police were stopping and searching people far from the fences in the downtown core, said ombudsman Andre Marin.

The more than 1,000 arrests and illegal detention of hundreds, or even thousands, of others during the June summit was a "mass violation of civil rights," said Marin.

"For the citizens of Toronto, the days up to and including the weekend of the G20 will live in infamy as a time period where martial law set in the city of Toronto, leading to the most massive compromise of civil liberties in Canadian history."

In the early 1970s, then prime minister Pierre Trudeau went to Parliament to hold a debate before enacting the War Measures Act, but Ontario went out of its way to keep the new law on police powers quiet, said Marin.

Premier Dalton McGuinty refused to comment.

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Economy still needs stimulus: Bank of Canada

Statistics Canada reported that the third-quarter current account deficit had hit a record $17.5 billion

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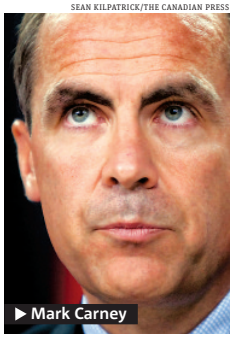

▶ Mark Carney

Canada's economy is taking a battering from the high dollar combined with low productivity and still needs the stimulus of low interest rates, the Bank of Canada says. In a previously telegraphed move, the central bank announced yesterday it will keep its trendsetting interest rate at one per cent until next year — and likely much longer. But analysts focused on the accompanying statement from governor Mark Carney, which conceded that both the Canadian and global recoveries are struggling under stiffening headwinds of risk, as a signal of future intentions.

"The global economic recovery is proceeding largely as expected, although risks have increased," the statement said, citing renewed concerns that European debt woes will spill into global financial markets. The bank said demand in the U.S., Canada's largest export market, remains weak, and even generally robust emerging markets such as China and India are seeing a deceleration of economic activity.

"The recovery in Canada, in the second half of 2010, appears slightly weaker than the bank projected" largely as a result of falling exports, it added.

"This underlines a previously identified risk that a combination of disappointing productivity performance and persistent strength in the Canadian dollar could dampen the expected recovery of net exports." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google. Chrome

▶ Google VP Sundar Pichai demonstrates the new Chrome operating system in San Francisco yesterday.

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Market debut delayed

Google is delaying the market debut of the first computers running on its highly anticipated Chrome operating system while its engineers continue to fine-tune the software.

Canada's five biggest banks keep steady

Canada's five biggest banks earned a combined $4.45 billion profit in the fourth quarter — marginally higher than in the same period last year — as weakness in corporate financing and trading revenues outshone strength in consumer banking.

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Market moment

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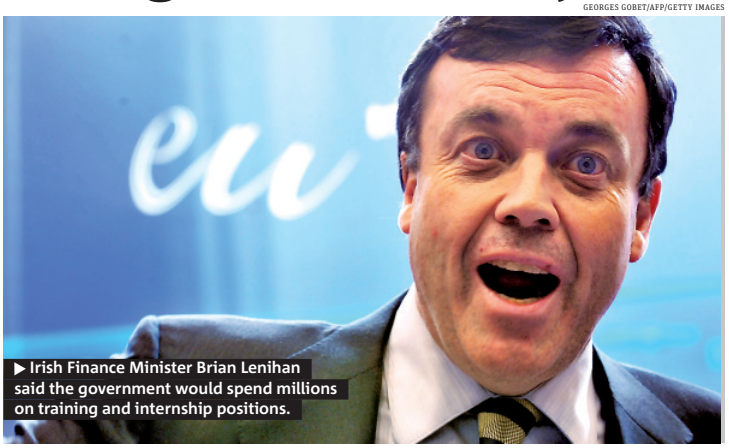

▶ Irish Finance Minister Brian Lenihan said the government would spend millions on training and internship positions.

Ireland must endure the toughest cuts and tax hikes in its history as an unavoidable price for saving the debt-burdened nation from bankruptcy, Finance Minister Brian Lenihan told lawmakers as they prepared to vote on a brutal 2011 budget.

Lenihan's plan — the harshest yet of four emergency budgets unveiled since 2008 to combat a runaway deficit — contains 4.5 billion euro ($6 billion) in spending cuts and two billion euros in tax rises.

Lenihan told lawmakers he believes Ireland's economy can grow despite the fact that almost all 4.5 million residents face "a traumatic and worrying time." He said the depth of the cuts represents the minimum required to counter "the worst crisis in our history and one with few international parallels." The finance chief stressed that Ireland faced no easy choices.

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Harsh reality

Tax analysts said the income tax changes would hit the poorest the hardest

Children A rolling cut in Ireland's generous state payments for children means that large young families — still common in Ireland — will suffer a particularly sharp fall in benefits.

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Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Julian Assange, first martyr of the Internet?

It certainly looks that way. The founder of WikiLeaks, the man who embarrassed heads of state around the world by leaking thousands of messages written by U.S. diplomats, has been arrested and is cooling his heels in a London jail without bail, waiting to find out if he will be extradited for having sex in Sweden.

Yep, you read that right. The more you read about the alleged sexual molestation case against the 39-year-old Aussie, the more you have to wonder if he's being set up for tattling on the world.

Accounts in Newsweek, the Daily Mail, AOL News, etc., make it clear he's not being held on rape charges, but something called "sex by surprise," and one of the women allegedly surprised by sex bought breakfast after the alleged surprise.

In Sweden, where casual sex is a sacred institution, second only to Ikea.

Meanwhile, my counterparts in the media, champions of freedom of expression all, are joining the mob to lynch Assange for spilling U.S. diplomatic secrets. It's his fault the nations of the world are engaging in skullduggery that can't bear the light of day.

"... the more you have to wonder if he's being set up for tattling on the world."

Everyone forgets that the Internet changes everything. They forget the original leak came from a disgruntled "intelligence" officer, who was able to steal all this confidential information by downloading it. No need to sneak around like Maxwell Smart with cameras shaped like cigarette lighters.

Pte. 1st Class Bradley Manning, 23, was allegedly engaging in the kind of cyber-leaking characteristic of the Internet generation. If it's digital, no secret is safe. U.S. diplomats, a bunch of geezers lulled by a completely unjustified sense of false security, felt free to send each other sizzling secrets via email. And now they're blaming Julian Assange. Manning could have just as easily leaked the information to SmokingGun.com, for example, and we could be running after those guys with torches and pitchforks.

Assange, a relatively old geek at 39, gets the new Borg Mind. Resistance is futile. WikiLeaks has distributed the Mother of All Secret Files to 100,000 co-conspirators in cyberspace, and if he goes down, he sends them all an encryption key, and that's it for secrets.

I don't know what's going to happen. I do know we're finally going to learn that privacy is an analog thing. I don't know if that's good or bad, but if you believe that those who hold the secrets hold the power, maybe you should hold a candlelight vigil for Julian Assange.

He's going to need it.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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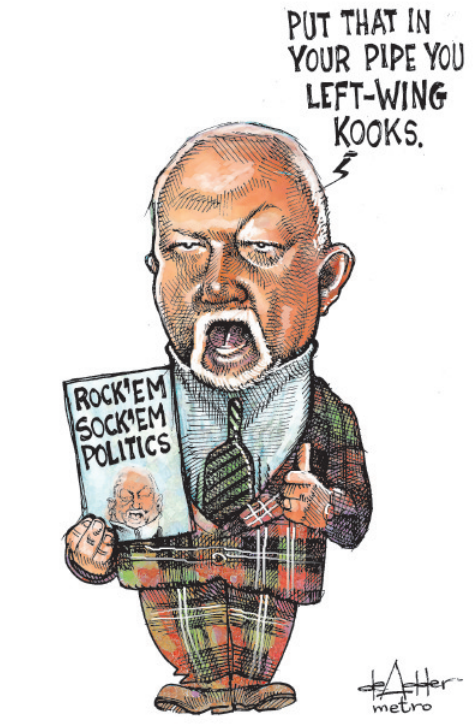

Collector nets nest egg

Worth mentioning

19th-century masterpiece

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To some it's just a bunch of bird pictures. To others, John James Audubon's Birds Of America is a rare blend of art, natural history and craftsmanship, unique enough to sell for more than $10 million US at a London auction yesterday — making it the world's most expensive printed book.

Some of the world's wealthiest book collectors had been anticipating the auction for months: It represents a chance to own one of the best preserved editions of Audubon's 19th-century masterpiece, with its 435 hand-coloured illustrations.

The book sold for $10,270,000 at a Sotheby's auction to an anonymous collector bidding by telephone, the auction house said.

While the Audubon volume holds the record for a printed book, a 72-page notebook of Leonardo da Vinci's handwritten notes and illustrations went for even more. Known as the Leicester Codex, the collection was bought by Bill Gates in 1994 for $31 million.

Each individual picture in Birds Of America is so valuable there have been some fears the volume could be broken up and sold as 435 separate works of art. Experts believe that unlikely: The tome is probably more valuable intact. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro Minute at classic film series

The Calgary Society of Independent Filmmakers (CSIF) will keep its free classic film series rolling with a screening this evening. Tonight's film, which airs at 7, will be a secret until attendees arrive, however, CSIF promises it will be well worth the wait. The screening will take place in building J2 on the Currie Barracks, located at 2711 Battleford Ave. SW. CSIF is a non-profit arts group that exists to encourage filmmaking as art, reflecting and challenging the city's constantly changing cultural landscape. For more information, contact programming co-ordinator Melanie Wilmink at 403-205-4747 or email programming@csif.org.

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▶ A crowd gathers at a past screening held by the Calgary Society of Independent Filmmakers.

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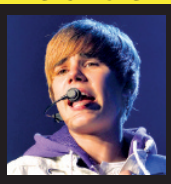

Canuck pop star Justin Bieber will soon be a collectible.

The 16-year-old Stratford, Ont., native is getting his own line of trading cards from Panini America.

Bieber, who also has a line of dolls, will be featured in 150 unique cards and 30 stickers when the trading card set launches this week.

The set will also have 500 randomly inserted authentic Bieber autograph cards, along with nine-card puzzles that create mini Bieber posters.

Bieber earned two Grammy Award nods when nominations were announced last week, including best new artist.

Each pack will include five Bieber cards and one sticker and will retail for US$1.99.

"I always dreamed of being a hockey player and having my own trading card," Bieber said in a release. "I remember collecting hockey cards, so the idea that kids are going to enjoy my cards like I enjoyed my hockey cards is amazing!"

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Ex-Sunshine Band member sentenced to 7 years for sex charges involving teens

▶ Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie star in The Tourist, which opens on Friday.

Jolie gets in touch with her femininity

Actress gets to show off her elegant side in The Tourist ◐ Filming in Paris and Venice helped sway her decision to pick the movie

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

For a successful actor, a lot of different factors go into choosing a project, but when it initially came to signing on for The Tourist, Angelina Jolie had one thing on her mind.

"I had questioned if there was anything out there that shot in a great location. Honestly, that was the phone call I made," she says with a laugh. "And I got this call that there was this film that happened to shoot in Venice and Paris and it was a real lady, so I was interested."

The film features Jolie, as the estranged girlfriend of a wanted felon, as she leads Johnny Depp's out-of-his-depths American tourist into an international game of cat and mouse, with cops from several nations and a handful of gangsters on the trail. But while there's plenty of action and gunplay, Jolie's character doesn't really get her hands dirty.

"It took me a while to get the heels and the gloves and the whole how to hold the handbag," she says of her über-elegant character. "I think everybody knows I'm not necessarily that female in that way. So it was a little bit of an exercise to get in there."

While working with co-writer and director Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck, Jolie found the hardest part of nailing the character was learning to take it easy.

"My note that I got every day was slow down," she says. "Because as very modern woman, we attack things, we're aggressive, we move through. We're like New Yorkers, you know? So this is the hardest thing for me, to kind of take a deep breath and just glide a little more. It took me a really long time."

Big family

Alone time. In the five years since Angelina Jolie met partner Brad Pitt, the actress has gone from a single mother with one child (adopted son Maddox) to a mother of six. So when does she find time for herself? "You just give it up at a certain point," she says with a laugh. "Even trying to take a bath, everybody comes in. You just give it up. And it's OK. But I try, when everybody goes to bed you try to have it, but no."

Bettany brings Scotland Yard back to the forefront

Playing a cop in a movie where the criminals are the main characters — and have all the fun — can get to a guy, but British actor Paul Bettany didn't let that stop him from chasing Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp around Paris and Venice as an obsessed Scotland Yard detective in The Tourist. Metro caught up with Bettany in Paris to talk about representing Scotland Yard and how he picks his roles

It's nice to see Scotland Yard get a mention in a movie again.

Right. It's still there. I guess because I grew up in England, and Scotland Yard was a news item, it wasn't Sherlock Holmes for me, do you know what I mean?

For me it doesn't hold the same romance as it probably will for my children, who are growing up in New York City.

▶ Paul Bettany

Do you have a preference in playing good guys or bad guys?

No, I don't. I love doing as many different things as I can. And maybe that is a drawback in today's age of acting. It's a peculiar thing. The only plan I've ever had — which is probably stupid of me — is to do as many different things, to play as many different types of people and types of characters as I can.

That sounds smart, actually.

Perhaps it's not. I mean, it's worked really well for Johnny Depp, but he's an anomaly, in that he's so — he's like a character actor who happens to be in a leading man position. You know, I mean, he plays characters, and it's what thrills him, clearly, about acting.

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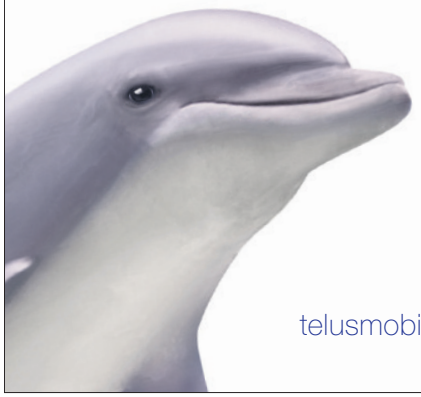

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Narnia's latest hits the water

- Voyage of the Dawn Treader the third in the Narnia franchise
- Filming on the water was a big obstacle for director Michael Apted

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A big budget, a huge cast and crew and using 3-D for the first time are huge obstacles for any director to overcome, but nature trumped it all for Michael Apted, the director of The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader.

The third installment of the fantasy franchise hits theatres on Friday.

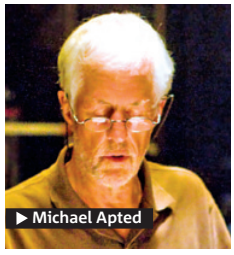
The biggest challenge was making a movie largely set on the sea, Apted said.

"I thought, How are we going to make a movie on water? I took some advice from some colleagues who said, 'Never make a movie on water', so once we'd resolved that it became more manageable," joked Apted, at a press conference at London's Dorchester Hotel, when asked about a scene where the children meet Aslan in front of a huge tidal wave.

"It's such fast-moving technology. I don't think we could have done the wave scene even 18 months ago. The technology for doing water has changed enormously."

Apted shot the boat on land by the side of the sea, so he had about 100 per cent horizon. It was placed on a gimbal so that it moved up and down and sideways, but the sea was created by computer effects.

"It's a million miles away from Bond," said Apted, who was at the helm of James Bond's The World Is Not Enough. "Where you're supposed to think he really can do it, you don't really go into the world of surrealism — at least not until after the one after I did, things went a bit haywire after that, because I wasn't there."



▶ Michael Apted

The film is 3-D, largely to create depth than to allow objects to jump out at you. The CGI was created in 3-D and the filming was done in 2-D then converted.

"It was curious to me, that when we were starting converting, we took a lot of heat from colleagues like James Cameron saying that we would debase the coinage (value) by not shooting it in 3-D, but then I found out that he was converting Titanic into 3-D. Then I learnt that George Lucas, our great mentor, is converting all the Star Wars films into 3-D, so that tells me something, that maybe it is here to stay."

▶ Actress Olivia Wilde, director Joseph Kosinski and actor Jeff Bridges from TRON: Legacy.

Keeping up with the times key for TRON

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"The biggest challenge on this movie is what it is on any movie regardless of size — it's creating a compelling script."
JOSEPH KOSINSKI, DIRECTOR

As if making your first movie wasn't daunting enough, Joseph Kosinski took on the added challenge of trying to satisfy millions of fanboys when he agreed to direct the highly-anticipated TRON: Legacy.

"The original TRON was a completely unique vision; it looked like nothing else out there," said Kosinski behind his film's hit 1982 sci-fi predecessor. "It pushed boundaries in terms of technology in a way that hadn't been done before and I just think conceptually it was 10 years ahead of its time."

The tale of a son rescuing his computer-genius father (Jeff Bridges) two decades after he disappears into the digital game world he designed not only allowed the award-winning commercial director to explore an original vision, but it gave Kosinski the unique opportunity to work on the absolute latest technologies in moviemaking.

"Our production was pretty adaptive and we were always keeping up, changing methodologies in the visual effects," said Kosinski. "You can't really change the script or the story but in terms of your technique and technology, you have to just be mobile because it's a three-year project and things change."

That technological mobility gives TRON: Legacy an incredibly modern 3-D look, which complements the film's subject matter.

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Rice seeks salvation

Queen of the blood sucking genre moving on with her Seraphim series Book leaves fans wanting more

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Anne Rice's latest novel Love and Evil is on shelves now.

Anne Rice has been very open about consecrating her writing to God (the Interview with the Vampire author very famously rejoined the Catholic church in 1998 and then just-as-famously renounced her dedication to organized religion this year).

But if Rice had to do it over, she might have kept a bit more quiet about it all.

"I think it can be very off-putting to readers to read that you consecrated your writing to God. It can give them the wrong idea." Rice says,

"I'm absolutely committed to writing what reflects my own beliefs and my own world view. But I'm not sure I would tell anybody if I had to do it over because I think it stood between me and my readers."

Rice's new book, Love and Evil, out now in the U.S., is the second novel in Rice's Songs of the Seraphim series, which follows an ex-assassin named Toby on his quest for salvation.

And although Love and Evil is written in Rice's typical engrossing style — and comes complete with a nail-biter of an ending — she might leave her leagues of dedicated fans waiting a bit longer to learn more about Toby's fate.

"I can see the third book pretty clearly but I'm not going to write it right now. I need a little time to think about Toby's options and how he's going to respond to that cliffhanger," she says.

In the meantime, the queen of modern vampire fiction says she's working on a book about the ancient mythical city of Atlantis — which excites her to no end.

"It's a book about immortals that have been on this planet since ancient Atlantis. It's really thrilling to be writing about immortals who are not vampires. You don't have to kill anybody, you don't have to drink any blood, but they're immortal. I get to have all the fun of describing how they see us and how they see our culture and see our Christian faith and all of those things from their perspective."

Sweating the details

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Jane Fonda

Jane Fonda has something she'd like to work out: A television series.

"I have a sort of a vision of what it could be and that's all that I'll say," Fonda said in an interview last week. "I think the best, edgiest writing is now on cable television. It's pretty exciting."

While the Oscar-winner hasn't officially signed up for a TV show, she can be seen in new workout DVDs designed specifically for baby boomers.

"People who are of a certain age tend to be ignored by the fitness industry and being that I'm older and I've done a lot of research on what happens to a body when it gets older, I know that it's essential that we stay active," Fonda said.

The 72-year-old recently released Jane Fonda: Prime Time Walkout and Jane Fonda: Prime Time Fit & Strong.

She says too many older people dismiss working out, and that needs to change.

"The worst thing that a person could do when they're older is to say, 'Why bother now? I'm older. I don't need to,'" Fonda said. "I'm on this crusade to get older people out of the chairs, off their couches, moving in a way that's safe." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Angelina Jolie is teaming up with jewelry designer Robert Procop to design a line of custom jewelry, according to WWD.

"Angelina has very classic style," Procop tells the magazine. "These are pieces she wears herself."

The items won't be available in stores, and will instead be sold privately, with proceeds going to charity. METRO

X-tina pregnancy rumours persist despite her denial

Aguilera facing questions over nature of new beau

The timing of Christina Aguilera's divorce from Jordan Bratman and her blossoming relationship with Burlesque production assistant Matthew Rutler have some speculating that she began her new romance before ending her marriage — and gossip blog the Superficial has gone so far as to say she may be pregnant.

While Aguilera has insisted that she only started dating Rutler after her split from Bratman, new photos from the Burlesque set published by the Daily Mail show the pair by each other's side on a regular basis earlier this year.

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Grammer proposes to new girlfriend

Though still not officially divorced from his current wife, Kelsey Grammer has proposed to girlfriend Kayte Walsh, according to Radar Online.

Walsh sported a diamond engagement ring while the two were in Washington, D.C., recently for the Kennedy Center Honors.

"They are engaged. They never really announced it," his rep tells the website.

"They are very happy and very much in love."

Walsh will be Grammer's fourth wife.

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Winter Park, Colorado

Winter Park is the closest major resort to Denver, making it a contender for a cheaper, one-week stay. There are three mountains with a huge variety of terrain and a very impressive snowfall record. There is a new resort-based village as well as a small town close by and together they offer more than 50 bars and restaurants.

skiwinterpark.com

Aspen

Winter Park

NON-SKIERS
Heavenly, California/Nevada

Situated on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Heavenly is where to go to enjoy stunning scenery. It sits astride the state line and as Nevada allows gambling there are several major casinos with cabaret shows, gaming tables, restaurants, bars, spas and live music. There are also trips out into the desert, visits to old West ghost towns and boat cruises on the lake.

skiheavenly.com

BEGINNERS
Breckenridge, Colorado

When you are learning to ski or board, quality professional instructors and a variety of perfect-pitch slopes make all the difference. Not only does Breckenridge score extremely high with both, the deal-breaker is its Colorado powder snow – this stuff is incredibly light and fluffy, which means fewer falls, and softer landings when you do.

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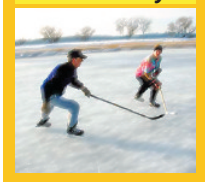
Pond hockey



Boardercross, orienteering and pond hockey are among outdoor activities available this winter in the Jacques-Cartier region outside Quebec City.

Stoneham Mountain Resort, a half-hour drive north of the provincial capital, has added a boardercross course and doubled the size of a snow park to give freestyle beginners more challenges. The resort says its night skiing terrain is the largest in Canada.

At nearby Manoir du Lac Delage, visitors can trek on snowshoes through the woods as they complete orienteering courses. Easy routes are 700 to 900 metres long, while the hardest ones are up to 2,000 metres.

And the eighth edition of the Lac-Beauport Pond Hockey Tournament will be held Feb. 5-6, hosting more than 100 teams on 25 rinks.

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Founders of Creation Museum propose religious theme park featuring Noah's Ark

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EAT

Peameal bacon sandwich

The peameal bacon sandwich is a Toronto favourite, served at the Carousel Bakery (416-863-6764) for more than 30 years. It features peameal, egg and cheese on a roll.

TOURISM TORONTO

▶ Peameal bacon

SEE

Bata Shoe Museum

A museum dedicated to footwear may not sound interesting, but the Bata Shoe Museum (327 Bloor Street West; 416-979-7799) is one of the most fascinating museums in the world. They show how the ordinary shoe is actually an important signifier of what was going on in a certain place and time in history, like these awesome chestnut-crushing clogs (above).

DO

See a musical

Many Broadway-bound shows make a stop in Toronto to hone their productions before hitting New York (right now they're running Priscilla, Queen of the Desert).

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▶ Priscilla, Queen of the Desert

Winter fun in Ottawa – for free

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN

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Let's face it, ost of Canada is darn chilly this time of year, but few places capitalize (no pun intended) on that more than our country's own capital.

How cool is it to skate down the longest rink in the world, with Parliament Hill as a backdrop? And…it's free!

The Rideau Canal skateway is open from around Christmas to early March every day, weather permitting.

Other Cool Things to Do in Ottawa

• Take a free tour of Parliament Hill: Whether or not you're a fan of the government, it's worth the visit to the Gothic style buildings on a bluff over-looking the Ottawa River.

• Try snowshoeing in Gatineau Park: Located only 15 minutes north of downtown, the park offers miles of trails especially for snowshoers. Admission is free, and you can rent shoes for a measly five bucks an hour…

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A sweet wreath to ring in the season

American Holiday Wreath Bread fuses taste, tradition and culture

Whether they call it babka, stollen, panettone, king cake, cozonac, kringle or challah, people around the world use rich, festive breads to celebrate holidays.

These breads can be glazed, sugared, topped with streusel or nuts, or decorated with candied fruits. They may be braided or woven, logs or loaves. But whatever their shape or seasoning, they always seem to taste of celebration and joy.

And so we decided to create a holiday bread that reflects America's fusion of cultures.

We drew on the recipes and traditions of numerous holiday breads to bake one that will seem at once familiar and fresh.

And because holidays and their food are meant to be shared with loved ones, we made it big. Really big. And really good.

So bake it and, of course, share it!

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▶ Holidays breads are typically laden with fruit, nuts and spices.

Ingredients:

Dough
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) water
- Hearty pinch saffron threads, crushed
- 500 ml (2 cups) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) instant (also called fast-rise) yeast
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) honey
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) vegetable or canola oil
- 3 whole eggs
- 3 egg yolks
- 10 ml (2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp ground cardamom
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 2 l (8 cups) bread flour
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) golden raisins
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) hazelnuts, toasted and chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) candied ginger, chopped

Filling
- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) cream cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) lemon zest

Topping
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) unsalted butter (3/4 stick), cut in chunks
- 1 egg, beaten with 5 ml (1 tsp) water

Icing
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) powdered sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) heavy cream
- 1 egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) almond extract

Preparation:

1. In a microwave safe bowl, combine water and saffron. Microwave on high until boiling, then set aside to cool.
2. Once cooled, in the bowl of a stand mixer, combine saffron water, milk, yeast, honey, oil, eggs, yolks, salt, cardamom, cinnamon and flour. Using dough hook attachment, mix on low until a soft dough forms. Continue mixing on low to knead for 6 to 7 minutes.
3. Add raisins, cranberries, hazelnuts and ginger, then knead until incorporated. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and allow to rest for 2 hours. The dough also can be placed in the refrigerator and allowed to rest overnight. Shortly before dough has finished resting, make cream cheese filling and streusel topping.
4. Filling: In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream together cream cheese and sugar until well combined and lump-free. Add egg and lemon zest and mix until smooth. Set aside.
5. Streusel Topping: In a medium bowl, combine both sugars, flour, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and rub together until it has all been incorporated and crumbs have all been moistened.
6. When dough has finished resting, it should be doubled in size and quite puffy. Coat a large baking pan with baking spray or line the pan with parchment paper. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Roll your dough into a 60-by-45-cm (24-by-18-inch) rectangle. Spread your cream cheese filling over the surface of the dough, leaving a 5-cm (2-inch) strip of uncovered dough along the long side farthest from you.
7. Starting with the side closest to you, roll dough up to form a long log. Slightly moisten edge of dough and pinch to seal. Keeping sealed edge of log on bottom, move dough to prepared sheet pan. Bring ends together to form a large circle, then insert one end into the other end to seal. The wreath should be about 30 cm (12 inches) across
8. Paint wreath all over with beaten egg, then top with streusel mixture, patting it into place with your hands. Cover loosely with plastic wrap, then let rest for an hour or until risen and puffy. After about 45 minutes of rising, heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
9. Use a sharp knife to make about 6 slashes around top of bread. Bake for 1 hour or until a deep golden colour. Let cool for 5 minutes before moving to a rack to cool completely. Once cooled, prepare icing. In a medium bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream and almond extract. Drizzle over loaf.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number):
421 calories; 131 calories from fat (31 per cent of total calories); 15 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 95 mg cholesterol; 64 g carbohydrate; 10 g protein; 2 g fibre; 225 mg sodium.

Not your Grandma's fruitcake

▶ A Rudisill rule: Make your fruitcake at least four to six weeks in advance. This will give its flavour time to develop

Chocolate makes this oft scorned treat irresistible

Why is fruitcake the grown-up version of coal in your stocking?

Marie Rudisill, produced the slim volume Fruitcake in 2000 by culling numerous variations on the theme from a 19th-century journal.

Though the text has been updated, the book remains stuffed with nostalgia.

There's dark fruitcake, light fruitcake, fruitcake with coconut, pineapple or currants and many more

Regardless of the variety, good fruitcake - and yes, there is such a thing - abides by certain rules.

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Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 140 C (275 F).
2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to cream shortening and sugar until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well between. Stir in chocolate.
3. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add flour mixture to egg-sugar mixture in batches, alternating with milk. Mix well. Stir in candied fruit, raisins and walnuts.
4. Use butter to coat a 25-cm (10-inch) tube pan. Dust pan with cocoa powder, tapping pan to remove any excess. Spread batter in pan and bake for 1 hour 40 minutes or until a knife inserted at the centre comes out clean. Let cool in pan.

Don't forget!

Keep it moist During baking, rotate the cake every 15 minutes, Scott says, and don't overcook it. Rudisill suggests placing a shallow pan of hot water in the oven during baking.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shortening
- 250 ml (1 cup) sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 squares (each 30 g/1 oz) unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 10 ml (2 tsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- 750 ml (3 cups) mixed chopped candied fruits and peels
- 250 ml (1 cup) raisins
- 250 ml (1 cup) broken walnuts
- 10 ml (2 tsp) butter
- Cocoa powder, to coat pan

Per serving: 416 calories; 185 calories from fat (44 per cent of total calories); 21 g fat (6 g saturated; 3 g trans fats); 56 mg cholesterol; 58 g carbohydrate; 7 g protein; 3 g fibre; 200 mg sodium.

How to deck the office halls in a new way these holidays

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Think you can deck your office halls with store-bought holly, string mistletoe under the fluorescent lights, sprinkle nutmeg in the coffee maker, and call it a Christmas fête?

Professional party planners say you might as well give your employees a lump of coal — or worse, coal with the company logo monogrammed on it.

"It's hard to forget about work and enjoy the festivities when the phones are ringing," says Phyllis Cambria, author of the Idiot's Guide to Throwing a Great Party.

Of course, it's also hard for corporate number crunchers to justify a lavish jingle bell rock in a recession Christmas.

But tough times, Cambria explains, transform seasonal ceremonies into must-have moments.

It's a time when exhausted desk jockeys can unwrap their personalities and untie those tangled worker-boss relationships.

"What makes it worthwhile is when the bosses put the emphasis on the staff," says Party Charlie, celebrity party planner.

"That's what a holiday party is for. It's an employee appreciation moment."

To pull it off, Charlie suggests getting those snarky underlings to check their cynicism where they check their coat.

"Wherever you have your party, make sure you do something at the entrance," he says.

An unexpected greeting at the door can spark smiles, especially for spouses and family,Cambria advises.

For an extra layer of role reversal fun, have company higher-ups guard the entrance like butlers offering tray loads of treats.

"At first, people will be like, 'Hey what's going on?' but then they'll say, 'It is actually pretty cool to have the president of the company serving me hors d'oeuvres,'" says Cambria.

Cheap Ideas

- Rent a tour bus and cruise well-decorated neighbourhoods: "Every city has places that really go all out. This is a fun way to see that," Cambria says.
- Go out for breakfast: "It's cheaper than lunch or dinner," says Cambria.

▶ Experts advise putting emphasis on employees during holiday office parties.

Megastar by mouse-click

For some people, YouTube has been a fast ticket to fame and fortune

A roomful of YouTube auteurs aspiring to the same status gathered last week at Google's Toronto office to trade tips on how to hit it big on the web's most popular video site.

Corey Vidal, 23-year-old Oakville, Ont., native doesn't think he's necessarily cracked the code to YouTube fame and fortune. But has quit his job to become an online video pro.

"My advice is just keep going, don't get lazy, don't give up, don't get discouraged if things aren't working," Vidal said during a panel discussion.

It took a couple years of faithfully posting videos until Vidal got his big moment, and was featured on YouTube's front page.

"It's actually been enough for me to do it full time. In the past year I've started a company, hired employees and produce videos on an ongoing basis. NEWSCANADA

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The babble of experts is like trusting a chimp

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As a species, us human folk respond very poorly to uncertainty. Think of how we look to weather readers for forecasts, and how often their predictions aren't exactly accurate.

According to author Dan Gardner, people look to experts to help set their expectations so that they can be prepared for what's to come.

The problem, however, is that these experts are rarely on the mark. In fact, not even close.

In Gardner's book, Future Babble, he references how Brill's magazine "compared the predictions of famous American pundits to a Chimpanzee named Chippy, who made his guesses by choosing among flash cards." Chippy had more hits than the acclaimed pundits.

Gardner also outlines an exhaustive list of calamities, predicted and real, covering famous documents such as Paul Ehrlich's 1968 The Population Bomb, predicting mass global famine for the '70s (which never happened), and Ravi Batra's 1987 book The Great Depression of 1990, which ended up being a very brief and mild recession.

In both cases, the 'experts' defend their publications with "I was almost right" or "it wouldn't have happened if I hadn't been blindsided by an unforeseeable event."

The most audacious of the excuses is the "self negating prophecy," meaning that because of the warnings and hoopla, we were able to prevent catastrophe. Think Y2K.

One of the experiments Gardner discusses is a shock test conducted on a group of people.

Half of the group was told it would have a series of 17 mild shocks, with three additional random shocks.

The other half was informed it would be exposed to 20 strong shocks.

Results showed that the group exposed to the full series of strong shocks felt far less anxiety as their expectations were that they were getting 20 strong shocks, no surprises.

Future Babble is a truly interesting and thoroughly researched book for the social economist in your network. *Craig Lund, is the President Elect of the American Marketing Associations Toronto Chapter and can be reached at hello@craiglund.ca.*

Future Babble: Why Expert Predictions Fail — and Why We Believe Them Anyway
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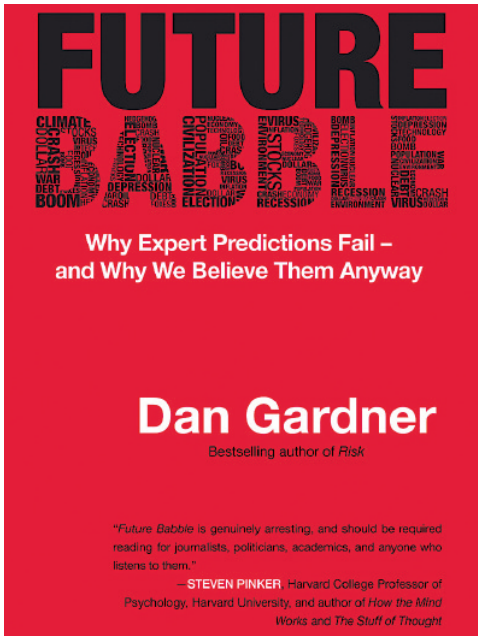
McClelland & Stewart Ltd.,
267 pages, $32.99



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▶ A demotion can actually be used as a bargaining tool, according to career counsellors.

A demotion doesn't mean that you should settle

Being demoted is your chance to start over

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What higher management giveth, it can taketh away. When your overlings revoke that promotion and dump you back onto the factory floor, the reverse vertigo can leave you feeling like a token trapped in the company's game of Chutes and Ladders.

The temptation for most corporate climbers who take a job title tumble is to hop up, dust off, and dive back in as if nothing ever happened.

But if you'd truly like to bounce back, career counsellors warn, you ought to first seek a sanctuary where you can vent frustrations.

"You need to have a support system outside of work where you can express how you feel so you're not holding it in," says Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New York.

"After you've gotten out your true anger related to the situation, express it to your boss where it's just at the level of disappointment.

"You can say, 'You know, I'm not happy about this. I really enjoyed and preferred that other job.'"

Once you've gathered a clear head, don't be afraid to drive a hard bargain.

"Most people start to feel like a chess piece, like the company is just moving them around, so they don't step up and negotiate," Frankel says.

"You need to enlist your boss, and talk about what's possible from here."

"It may be that your company doesn't see you as a big contributor and this could be an opportunity for you to step up," she adds.

If there's no possible way to view your demotion as an opportunity, it can always be an opportunity to leave.

"No one's got a gun to your head, forcing you to accept the situation," offers Maggie Mistal, host of Sirius Radio's Making a Living. "It's still a choice you're making."

Whatever you decide, make it deliberate, she suggests.

And don't feel like you have to bum around in a degrading post just to keep your resumé in tact.

"If the resentment is that bad, keep job hunting and going for the job you're geared towards," Mistal says. "You can always justify that to a future employer.

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CHANGES TO YOUR PAY? STAY AND SUE

With a new company president nt poised to reduce operating costs, Lorenzo Russo saw the writing on the wall.

As the long time warehouse manager at candy manufacturer Kerr Bros. Limited, Russo was paid in excess of $100,000 — a salary considered excessive by his new boss.

After 37 years with the company, changing Russo's salary wasn't easy.

After slashing every employee's pay by 10 per cent and cutting the company's pension plan, the President focused on Russo, insisting he take a further pay cut amounting to almost half of his usual salary. When Russo refused, his salary was still reduced.

Russo responded by retaining a lawyer, who wrote to the company to complain.

When a substantial pay cut is imposed by a company, employees typically think in terms of "constructive dismissal," which permits them to leave and then sue for severance.

Here, however, Russo's lawyer confirmed that Russo did not accept the change to his compensation but instead of leaving, he was going to stay and sue for the difference in pay.

Russo and his lawyer hit upon something big in the case.

At a recent trial, the company attempted to defeat Russo's claim by arguing that having stayed on with the company after the change to his pay, Russo had effectively condoned that change.

However, Russo's lawyer argued that his client made it clear that he was not accepting the change and that by staying at work while he sued, he was simply trying to minimize any losses he had suffered.

The court agreed with Russo and awarded him the difference in the pay he would have earned had his salary not been cut.

Allowing Russo to remain and work, despite his protests, was actually the very evidence that Russo needed to make out his claim.

What does this case mean for Canadian workplaces? Employees are empowered to reject real changes to their jobs since, even in a tough economy, employers cannot simply force significant pay cuts or adverse working conditions on their employees.

Importantly, in light of this case, employees do not even need to leave work and go to court in order to protest these types of changes.

One strategy is now to stay and sue for damages.

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Seeds for a greener future

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation challenges post-secondary students to heal the world

Do you have an idea for reducing waste on your university campus? Or perhaps you've come up with a plan for greening the buildings at your college?

One of Canada's longest-serving environmental charities is rewarding post-secondary students for thinking green.

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) is inviting students to enter the fourth annual TD Go Green Challenge, a national competition that invites Canadian post-secondary students to propose new ideas for environmental stewardship.

This year, applicants are asked to submit a two to three minute video on how they would make a difference to the environment on their school's campus.

The first place team will receive $20,000, paid summer internships for each student and $100,000 to support sustainability initiatives at their university or their college.

"Students tell us there are a number of environmental issues on their campuses that they are motivated to change," says Mary Desjardins, executive director of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

"The TD Go Green Challenge gives them the opportunity to 'walk the talk' by providing us with their best ideas and the potential of being rewarded for their efforts.

"We're proud to support Canada's future environmental leaders as they work to make their campus a greener place."

Since the competition launched, nearly 400 teams from approximately 140 schools across the country have participated in the TD Go Green Challenge.

The TD Go Green Challenge is open to all legal residents of Canada. Competitors must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, either full or part-time, at a Canadian college or university.

The deadline for entries is January 21, 2011.

For more information, please visit tdfef.com/gogreen.

NEWSCANADA

Bourque leads Flames to victory

Calgary forward has goal and two assists in win over Lightning

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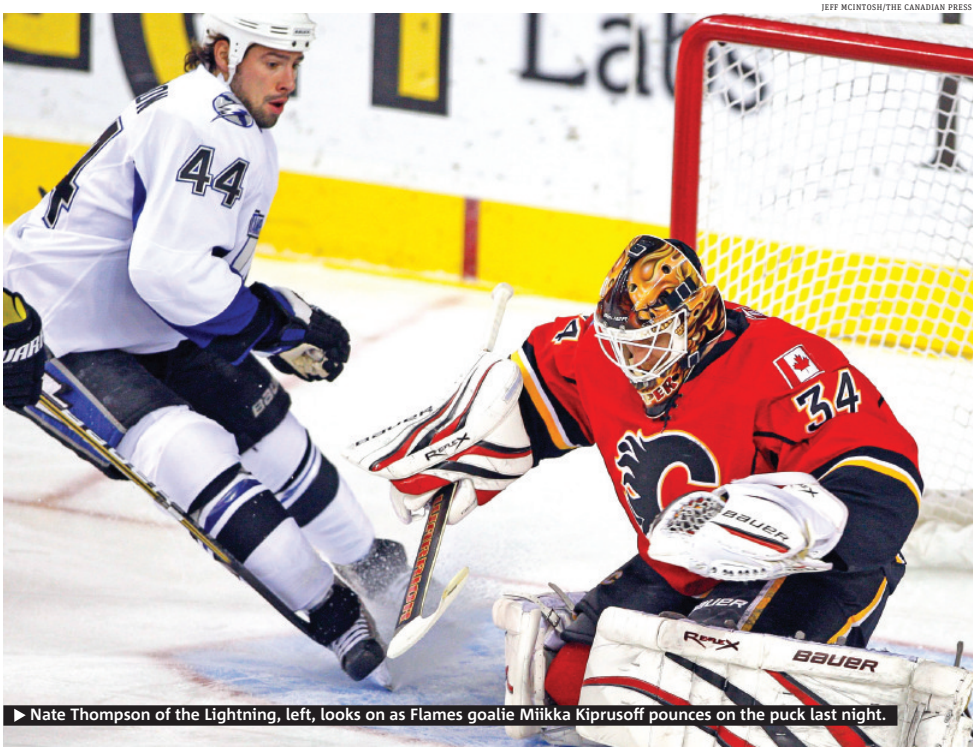

▶ Nate Thompson of the Lightning, left, looks on as Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff pounces on the puck last night.

Rene Bourque had a goal and two assists as the Calgary Flames beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 last night.

Cory Sarich, Tom Kostopoulos and Jarome Iginla also scored for the Flames (12-14-2), who now play back-to-back games in California against the Los Angeles Kings tomorrow and the Anaheim Ducks on Friday.

Johan Harju and Ryan Malone replied for the Lightning (15-10-3), who were coming off a wild 6-5 win over the Colorado Avalanche at home on Saturday.

Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 22 shots, while Dan Ellis made 15 saves for Tampa Bay.

Lightning forward Steven Stamkos was held without a goal for the sixth straight game. He scored 21 goals in his first 22 games. Stamkos has also gone three games without a point.

The Flames opened the scoring at 7:21 of the first period when Sarich blasted a point shot past Ellis for his first goal of the season. Calgary forward Tim Jackman screened Ellis on the play.

Kostopoulos put the Flames up 2-0 a short time later when he swatted a loose puck at the side of the net past Ellis. Defenceman Mark Giordano took the initial shot from the point that Bourque tipped off the back boards out front to Kostopoulos, who recorded his first point as a Flame in 11 games since being acquired in a trade from the Carolina Hurricanes.

Bourque gave Calgary a 3-0 lead at 4:43 of the second period when he cruised into the slot and converted a feed from Curtis Glencross to finish off a nice three-way passing play.

The Lightning rallied with goals by Harju, the first of his NHL career, and Malone before the end of the second period.

Iginla put the game away when he one-timed a pass from Jay Bouwmeester past Ellis during a Calgary power play. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opinion

JOHN GRIGG
THE HOCKEY NEWS

FLAMES ARE UN-SUTTER LIKE

The state of affairs with the Flames in Calgary is, of course, not good. Bottom of the barrel in the Western Conference and ahead of only lowly Eastern teams overall, the Flames have disappointed mightily.

You'd have to imagine that under any other GM, coach Brent Sutter would have been fired by now. But anyone can understand why older brother Darryl would have a tough time pulling the trigger on that move.

You've got to believe the GM and the coach are on the same page when it comes to what they want their players to do; the problem is the players don't seem to be.

As players themselves, the Sutters (and their three other NHL-playing brothers) were known as hard-nosed, salt-of-the-earth types who specialized in smart, two-way play.

For the most part they were checkers, guys you could count on to be there when the going got tough.

But they also delivered the intangibles needed to spark their teams — a big hit, a timely goal, a key defensive play, whatever was needed.

That's the least they expect of their players today, but that's not your Flames, folks.

Calgary's penalty kill is un-Sutter like in its ability to stop the other team from scoring. The Flames are just middle of the pack in total bodychecks and blocked shots, and near the NHL's basement in faceoff percentage.

As for holding leads, they hover around .500, a mark that has them contending for worst in the league.

Although the Flames have showed some gumption by earning points in games after allowing the first goal, they generally tail off the further contests go, allowing many more goals in the final two periods than they score.

What does it all add up to?

The Flames have finished the second period behind in more than half their games, and have managed points in just three of those, which is the reason they are where they are in the standings.

Say what you like about bad luck, injuries and the like. But the Sutters weren't the type of players who frittered away leads or came out flat in the later stages of games. Their Flames are both those things.

Something will have to give soon. And as they say, "You can't fire the players."

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Quoted

"To hear the organization telling me to go shopping and I just told you I wasn't going to, oh yeah, if I'm going to be honest with you, I was angry about it."

YANKEES SHORTSTOP DEREK JETER, ON HIS REACTION TO YANKEES GM BRIAN CASHMAN SAYING HE SHOULD EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS IF HE WAS DISSATISFIED WITH NEW YORK'S OFFER. JETER AND THE YANKEES FINALIZED A $51-MILLION US, THREE-YEAR CONTRACT YESTERDAY.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	29	19	8	2	0	91	67	40	9-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	10-0-0-0	W10
d-Washington	29	18	8	1	2	96	79	39	12-2-0-2	6-6-1-0	4-4-0-2	L3
d-Montreal	28	18	8	2	0	75	54	38	11-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Philadelphia	28	17	7	2	2	95	69	38	10-5-0-1	7-2-2-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Boston	26	15	8	0	3	75	52	33	6-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Atlanta	28	15	10	1	2	88	80	33	9-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
NY Rangers	29	16	12	1	0	83	77	33	6-8-1-0	10-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Buffalo	28	11	13	4	0	70	76	26	5-8-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	29	12	15	1	1	62	85	26	7-7-0-1	5-8-1-0	3-6-0-1	L1
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Toronto	26	10	12	2	2	59	76	24	7-5-2-1	3-7-0-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Florida	27	12	15	0	0	70	73	24	6-5-0-0	6-10 0-0	3-7-0-0	L1
New Jersey	27	8	17	1	1	50	81	18	4-6-1-1	4-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	25	5	15	3	2	53	83	15	3-6-1-1	2-9-2-1	1-6-2-1	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	25	17	5	2	1	86	67	37	10-2-1-1	7-3-1-0	6-2-2-0	L2
d-Dallas	26	16	8	0	2	76	69	34	10-3-0-1	6-5-0-1	7-1-0-2	L1
d-Vancouver	25	14	8	1	2	80	64	31	8-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Phoenix	26	13	7	4	2	74	72	32	5-3-2-2	8-4-2-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Chicago	29	15	12	1	1	90	84	32	7-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Columbus	26	15	10	0	1	70	71	31	7-7-0-1	8-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	61	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
San Jose	26	13	9	4	0	78	73	30	7-4-2-0	6-5-2-0	4-4-2-0	W1
St. Louis	26	13	9	2	2	67	72	30	8-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Nashville	26	12	8	4	2	65	68	30	5-1-3-2	7-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	L1
Colorado	27	13	10	4	0	94	86	30	7-4-1-0	6-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	L4
Anaheim	29	13	13	2	1	71	87	29	9-6-0-1	4-7-2-0	3-6-1-0	L2
Minnesota	26	11	11	1	3	63	76	26	7-6-0-2	4-5-1-1	3-5-1-1	L5
Calgary	28	12	14	1	1	78	84	26	7-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Edmonton	26	10	12	1	3	70	93	24	4-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	W4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 4 Ottawa 1
Florida 4 Colorado 3 (OT)
Boston 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
Calgary 4 Tampa Bay 2
Anaheim at Edmonton
Monday's results
Toronto 5 Washington 4 (SO)
Atlanta 3 Nashville 2 (OT)
Columbus 3 Dallas 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 New Jersey 1
San Jose 5 Detroit 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
San Jose at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

FLAMES 4, LIGHTNING 2

First Period
1. Calgary, Sarich 1 (Pardy, Morrison) 7:21
2. Calgary, Kotsopolous 2 (Bourque, Giordano) 13:46
Penalties — Clark TB (tripping) 0:56.
Second Period
3. Calgary, Bourque 12 (Glencross, Backlund) 4:43
4. Tampa Bay, Harju 1 (Kubina, Jones) 8:45
5. Tampa Bay, Malone 8 (Thompson, Hedman) 19:00
Penalties — Bouwmeester Cal (interference) 9:47, Kubina TB (tripping) 16:18.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Iginla 12 (Bouwmeester, Bourque) 8:42 (pp)
Penalties — Regehr Cal (interference) 0:49, Thompson TB (interference) 6:39, Hall TB (high-sticking) 8:29.
Shots on goal by

Tampa Bay	10	7	7	—24
Calgary	7	6	6	—19

Goal — Tampa Bay: Ellis (L,7-5-3); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,10-13-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 0-2; Calgary: 1-4.
Referees — Tom Kowal, Tim Peel. **Linesmen** — Mike Cvik, Don Henderson.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

CANADIENS 4, SENATORS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 9, 9:09 (pp)
2. Ottawa, Foligno 2 (Spezza, Karlsson) 19:51 (pp)
Penalties — Carkner Ott (holding) 8:43, Gorges Mtl (interference) 19:30.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Kelly Ott (boarding major, game misconduct) 8:46, Fisher Ott (double high-sticking) 17:38, Picard Mtl (tripping) 19:37.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Halpern 6 (Lapierre) 2:18
4. Montreal Gionta 9, 10:01
5. Montreal, Hamrlik 3 (Gionta, Eller) 16:28
Penalties — Carkner Ott (holding) 11:29, Campoli Ott, Plekanec Mtl (roughing) 15:38, Neil Ott (slashing), Moen Mtl (roughing, misconduct) 18:46.
Shots

Ottawa	6	13	9—28
Montreal	13	9	13—35

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Leclaire (L,2-7-1)(start, 18:06 third)(33-30), Elliot (15:38 third)(2-1); Montreal: Price (W,17-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-1. Montreal: 1-5.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Dan O'Halloran.
Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Jean Morin.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	24	24	48
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	12	23	35
St. Louis, TB	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Backstrom, Wash	11	21	32
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	17	31
B.Richards, Dal	12	19	31
Hejduk, Col	10	20	30
H.Sedin, Vcr	3	27	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
Byfuglien, Atl	10	19	29
Datsyuk, Det	8	21	29
Heatley, SJ	13	15	28
Perry, Ana	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
Ladd, Atl	10	18	28
M.Richards, Pha	10	18	28
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Getzlaf, Ana	8	19	27
Roy, Buf	9	17	26

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPE

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All Times Eastern
FIRST ROUND
Top two teams in each group advance Third-place teams advance to Europa League

Group A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Tottenham	6	3	2	1	18	11	11
x-Inter Milan	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Twente	6	1	3	2	9	11	6
Werder Bremen	6	1	2	3	6	12	5

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Twente 3 Tottenham 3
Werder Bremen 3 Inter Milan 0

Group B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Schalke	6	4	1	1	10	3	13
x-Lyon	6	3	1	2	11	10	10
Benfica	6	2	0	4	7	12	6
Hapoel Tel Aviv	6	1	2	3	7	10	5

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Benfica 1 Schalke 2
Lyon 2 Hapoel Tel-Aviv 2

Group C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Manchester Utd	6	4	2	0	7	1	14
x-Valencia	6	3	2	1	15	4	11
Glasgow Rangers	6	1	3	2	3	6	6
Buraspor	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Bursaspor 1 Glasgow Rangers 1
Manchester United 1 Valencia 1

Group D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Barcelona	6	4	2	0	14	3	14
x-Copenhagen	6	3	1	2	7	5	10
Rubin Kazan	6	1	3	2	2	4	6
Panathinaikos	6	0	2	4	2	13	2

x — clinched berth in second round.
Yesterday's results
Barcelona 2 Rubin Kazan 0
Copenhagen 3 Panathinaikos 1

Group E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Bayern Munich	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
AS Roma	5	3	0	2	9	8	9
Basel	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Cluj	5	1	0	4	5	11	3

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
Bayern Munich vs. Basel, 2:45 p.m.
Cluj vs. AS Roma, 2:45 p.m.

Group F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Chelsea	5	5	0	0	14	3	15
x-Marseille	5	3	0	2	11	3	9
Spartak Moscow	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Zilina	5	0	0	5	2	17	0

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
Marseille vs. Chelsea, 2:45 p.m.
Zilina vs. Spartak Moscow, 2:45 p.m.

Group G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Real Madrid	5	4	1	0	11	2	13
x-AC Milan	5	2	2	1	7	5	8
Ajax	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Auxerre	5	1	0	4	3	8	3

x — clinched berth in second round.
Today's games
AC Milan vs. Ajax, 2:45 p.m.
Real Madrid vs. Auxerre, 2:45 p.m.

Group H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Shakhtar Donetsk	5	4	0	1	10	6	12
Arsenal	5	3	0	2	15	6	9
Braga	5	3	0	2	5	9	9
Partizan Belgrade	5	0	0	5	1	10	0

Today's games
Arsenal vs. Partizan Belgrade, 2:45 p.m.
Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Braga, 2:45 p.m.
End of First Round

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	4	.800	—
New York	13	9	.591	4
Toronto	8	13	.381	8½
Philadelphia	7	14	.333	9½
New Jersey	6	16	.273	11

SOUTHEAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	15	8	.652	1
Miami	14	8	.636	1½
Charlotte	8	13	.381	7
Washington	6	13	.316	8

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	8	.579	—
Indiana	10	9	.526	1
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	4½
Cleveland	7	14	.333	5
Detroit	7	15	.318	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	3	.850	—
Dallas	17	4	.810	½
New Orleans	13	7	.650	4
Houston	8	13	.381	9½
Memphis	8	14	.364	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	6	.727	—
Denver	13	7	.650	2
Oklahoma City	14	8	.636	2
Portland	9	11	.450	6
Minnesota	5	16	.238	10½

PACIFIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	—
Phoenix	11	9	.550	3
Golden State	8	13	.381	6½
L.A. Clippers	5	17	.227	10
Sacramento	4	15	.211	9½

Last night's results7
Atlanta 116 New Jersey 101
Charlotte 100 Denver 98
Philadelphia 117 Cleveland 97
Dallas 105 Golden State 100
Houston 97 Detroit 83
Phoenix at Portland
Washington at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Indiana 124 Toronto 100
Atlanta 80 Orlando 74
New York 121 Minnesota 114
Chicago 99 Oklahoma City 90
Miami 88 Milwaukee 78
Utah 94 Memphis 85
L.A. Clippers 98 Sacramento 91
Tonight's games
Denver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	18	157	155	494	27.4
Bryant, LAL	20	180	142	529	26.5
Stoudemire, NYK	22	206	139	556	25.3
Ellis, GOL	20	194	87	503	25.2
Nowitzki, DAL	20	192	100	498	24.9
Rose, CHI	18	172	78	448	24.9
Gordon, LAC	20	156	149	486	24.3
James, MIA	22	172	156	522	23.7
Westbrook, OKC	22	172	171	521	23.7
Anthony, DEN	19	149	121	433	22.8
Martin, HOU	20	127	151	449	22.5
Williams, UTA	22	162	123	480	21.8
Beasley, MIN	19	166	65	414	21.8
Wade, MIA	21	158	128	456	21.7
Gay, MEM	22	184	75	474	21.5
Granger, IND	19	144	72	406	21.4
Richardson, PHX	20	161	43	424	21.2
Curry, GOL	18	141	68	381	21.2

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

L.A. ANGELS — Named Keith Johnson manager of Salt Lake (PCL), Bill Mosiello manager of Arkansas (TL), Tom Gamboa manager and Damon Mashore hitting coach of Inland Empire (Cal), Brenton Del Chiaro manager and Trevor Wilson pitching coach of Cedar Rapids (MWL), Jim Gott pitching coach of the Angels (Arizona), Nathan Haynes hitting coach of Orem (Pioneer), Bobby Mitchell roving outfield, baserunning and bunting coordinator, Orlando Mercado roving catching coordinator and Jeff Pickler roving infield coach.
N.Y. YANKEES — Agreed to terms with SS Derek Jeter on a three-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. METS — Named Leigh J. Castergine vice president, ticket sales and services.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a two-year contract. and LHP Scott Olsen on a one-year contract.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS — Signed RHP Mike Cervera.

CAN-AM LEAGUE

WORCESTER TORNADOES — Released INF Christian Acosta and OF Stantrel Smith.

BASKETBALL

NBA

NEW JERSEY NETS — Recalled G-F Terrence Williams from Springfield (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed QB Max Hall on injured reserve. Signed QB Richard Bartel.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed G Kraig Urbik on injured reserve. Signed G Chad Rinehart from the practice squad. Signed C Sean Allen to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed P Jeremy Kapinos.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Re-signed C Donovan Raiola.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Suspended DL Albert Haynesworth for the remainder of the regular season for "conduct detrimental to the club."

GOLF

PGA Tour — Named Andy Pazder executive vice president and chief of operations.

HOCKEY

NHL

DALLAS STARS — Assigned LW Francis Wathier to Texas (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Mike McKenna to Albany (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled D Oliver Ekman-Larsson from San Antonio (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Re-assigned C Joel Perrault to Manitoba (AHL). Recalled LW Jonas Andersson from Manitoba.

ECHL

VICTORIA SALMON KINGS — Traded G Daren Machesney to Elmira for G Zane Kalemba and future considerations.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333
SOUTH						
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	317	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	263	235
NORTH						
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322
WEST						
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336
SOUTH						
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307
NORTH						
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306
WEST						
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

WEEK 13

Monday's result
New England 45 N.Y. Jets 3

WEEK 14

Tomorrow's game
(All times Eastern)
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13
Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Saturday, Dec. 18

NEW MEXICO BOWL

At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.

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Once considered a dying breed, the minivan is making a comeback

▶ If you can't get your groceries into this rig, there's something seriously wrong. Giant doors and giant openings are part of the Odyssey's charm even if the "lightning bolt" body line just isn't doing it for you.

A minivan that's not just for soccer moms

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With the sound of tires squealing and the aroma of freshly cooked rubber and brake linings hanging in the air, I quickly realize that no minivan will ever be driven this way. Ever.

Where is Honda's logic in setting up an impromptu parking-lot race track to drive the wheels off ... a minivan?

The point, though, is that a minivan can actually drive like a European touring sedan and not just in a straight line on gridded city streets. It's a good distinction from stereotypical minivans, especially when stereotypical minivans aren't really selling.

Minivan sales in North America peaked a few years ago before taking a dive.

They have remained fairly stagnant of late, causing some automakers, notably General Motors and Ford, to abandon the category. Of those remaining, however, Toyota and Nissan appear to be taking radical styling departures in what has traditionally been a category of bread-and-butter toaster-shaped vehicles. So is Honda.

The Odyssey is differentiated by an unusual hitch in the bodywork behind the sliding side doors. Honda calls it a "lightning bolt" effect that's supposed to increase third-row passenger visibility.

That might be true, but from certain angles it's as if the rear third of the Odyssey's body is misaligned with the front two-thirds.

Fortunately the sharp-looking grille, the neatly tapered rear roof pillar and the more pronounced front fenders help make the Odyssey's wider (by 3.5 centimetres) stance look plant-ed and even aggressive.

The distance between the front and rear wheels remains unaltered from the 2010 model, but overall length has been modestly increased and the ride height is a bit lower.

The Odyssey drives flatter and truer than the outgoing version with much reduced body roll in the turns.

No matter the Odyssey you pick, this minivan is bound to deliver the goods as well as a nearly unbeatable minivan driving experience that's definitely better than par for the (race) course.

The Odyssey

What you should know about the 2011 Odyssey

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive minivan
- **Engines (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6 (248)
- **Transmissions:** Five-speed automatic; six-speed automatic (optional)
- **Market Position:** Thought to be dying, the once moribund minivan segment is suddenly heating up.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.9/7.1 (6AT); Base price (including destination) $31,600

5 drive

By comparison

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If any car had the potential to change the public's perception of the Hyundai brand in the modern era, it was the last-generation Sonata.

Available from 2006 to 2010, the Korean automaker's bread-and-butter family sedan was packed with the engineering, quality and styling needed to give the big boys from Japan a run for their money.

In the used marketplace, Sonata's Korean roots and relatively short history as a family sedan contender mean that resale values will be relatively low compared to those of Japanese competitors.

If you're looking for a good deal on a used family car, the last-generation Sonata may be a great place to start — especially considering that it seems to have fared well where reliability is concerned.

Standard was a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine with 162 horsepower and five-speed manual transmission. A manual-mode automatic was available, as was a V6 engine.

▶ Hyundai Sonata

History/Description

Shoppers in the used market will find entry-level Sonata models labeled with a GL badge, while GL V6, GLS and GLS V6 models filled out the model range. Sonata Sport and limited models were available in later years as well.

Available features included a power glass sunroof, 17-inch wheels, stability control, automatic climate control, an Infinity CD-changer audio system, remote access and power leather seats.

What Owners Like

Owners commonly praise the vehicle's styling, roominess, massive trunk, comfort levels and overall refinement. The V6 engine is a favourite with performance buffs, who say they enjoy the available power and acceleration. Long-haul comfort is rated highly too, as is fuel mileage with the four-cylinder engine.

What Owners Hate

Complaints include interior squeaks and rattles, some low-budget interior trim pieces, the lack of lighting on certain controls at night, and premature brake wear — though the latter is largely subject to the individual driving style and locale at play.

Common Issues

Noteworthy is mixed sentiment between two comfort-related aspects of the Sonata: the seats and the ride quality. Some owners rave about comfort levels related to both, while others complain of stiff, uncomfortable seats and a noisy and harsh ride. Take a lengthy test drive to ensure you feel comfortable in the used Sonata you're considering.

The Verdict

If you're able to find a good deal on a last-generation Sonata that's well-maintained, you'll likely wind up with a reliable, enjoyable car. Best of all, you'll save a few bucks, too.

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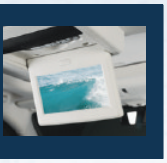

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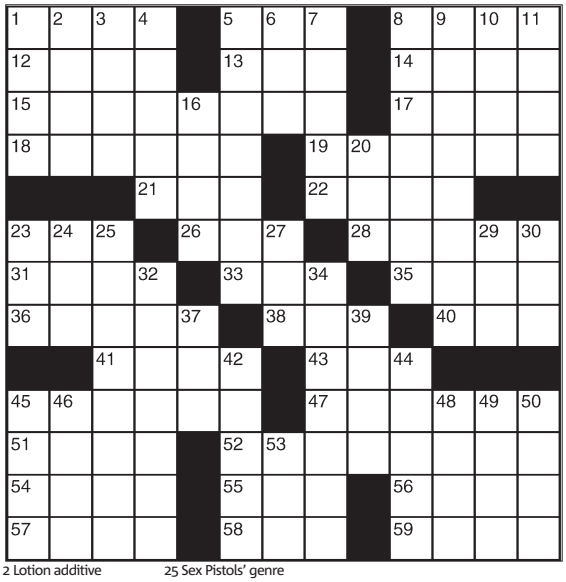

Across

1 Leave when things get tough
5 Jewel
8 Campus lecturer, maybe
12 Radius neighbour
13 Floral garland
14 Theater box
15 Illinois city
17 Land measure
18 Try a case again
19 Where a plug goes
21 Tackle the slopes
22 Muscular development
23 Rock band's enhancer
26 Salamander
28 Follows orders
31 "Magical Mystery — "
33 Thee
35 Hodgepodge
36 King of Crete
38 Make a decision
40 CDs' forerunners
41 "South Park" kid
43 Year-end abbr.
45 Mediterranean eels
47 Gets more out of
51 "American —"
52 St. Patrick's Day emblem
54 Reference bk.
55 "— Wiedersehen"
56 Inter
57 Black
58 Still
59 Turn on a pivot

Down

1 Perry Mason portrayer
2 Lotion additive
3 About 2.54 centimeters
4 Erie and others, e.g.
5 Extol
6 Always, in verse
7 Central portion
8 Ersatz pill
9 "Saturday Evening Post" artist
10 Shrek, for one
11 Stocking stuffers?
16 Phony
20 Discoverer's cry
23 $ dispenser
24 Miss Piggy's pronoun
25 Sex Pistols' genre
27 Excessively
29 Shrill bark
30 "Mayday!"
32 Monarchs
34 Factor in Marilyn's "Seven Year Itch" pose
37 Crafty
39 Abound
42 English composition
44 Restrains
45 Skirt length
46 Valhalla VIP
48 Satan's purchase
49 Beige
50 Terrier type
53 Colouration

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

2	8		7		5	4		1
		6		1		2	7	
				9	8			
3		4				6		9
			2	3				
	3	5		4		7		
9		8	5		6		3	2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	7	3	2	9	1	6	5	4
9	5	1	6	3	4	7	8	2
6	2	4	8	7	5	1	3	9
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1	4	7	9	8	2	3	6	5
3	8	5	1	4	6	2	9	7
5	9	6	4	1	7	8	2	3
7	1	8	3	2	9	5	4	6
4	3	2	5	6	8	9	7	1

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
There is no point trying to force other people to think or feel the way you do. That will only encourage them to dig in their heels and stick with what they already believe.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Venus, your ruler, is currently moving through your opposite sign of Scorpio – and today is linked to Pluto, planet of passion. Therefore someone is sure to stir your emotions — but don't let them stir up a storm.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Focus on the realities of your situation today. Wishful thinking may be fun but it does not pay the bills and it does not take you any closer to your goals. Have confidence in your abilities.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 It seems you can do no wrong at the moment. It seems that everything you touch works out better than anyone expected. Keep the momentum going.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you go too far or too fast today you will find it very hard to stop and that could lead to all sorts of complications — and accidents. By all means have fun, by all means seek adventure, but be aware of the consequences too.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Someone you meet while traveling or socializing will be a lot of fun, and there is at least an evens chance that your friendship could develop in a romantic direction.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your taste for luxuries could get you into trouble, especially if you have other financial obligations that should come first. The bills will have to be paid some time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Make a point of talking nicely with someone you have clashed with in the past. You have much in common.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You always go out of your way to help family and friends but today you will go even further and help someone you have no personal commitment to, simply because they need help and you are in a position to give it. You're such a nice guy.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Pluto in your sign makes a positive link to values planet Venus today, which will encourage you to pursue goals that are beneficial not just for you personally but for other people as well.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Try not to be suspicious if someone in a position of authority suddenly starts treating you like their number one buddy.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 This will be a productive day, but if you really want to accomplish something spectacular you must make a point of working with other people. Don't try to do it all on your own.
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